

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of orientating a template with respect to a substrate spaced apart from said template, said method comprising:

rotating said template about a first and a second axis to orientate said template with respect to said substrate and maintain said orientation in response to a force being exerted upon said template.

2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein rotating said template further includes flexing said template about said first and said second axis.

3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein rotating said template further includes rotating said template about said first axis independently from rotating said template about said second axis.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein rotating said template further includes positioning said first axis orthogonally to said second axis.

5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point, with said pivot point located on an interface of said template and said substrate.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 6 further including providing said first and said second axis with eight distinct joints, with said eight distinct joints spaced-apart from said pivot point.

8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 further including positioning said first and said second axis on an interface of said template and said substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of orientating a template with respect to a substrate spaced-apart from said template, said method comprising:

rotating said template about a first and a second axis to orientate said template with respect to said substrate and maintain said orientation in response to contact with a material compressed between said template and said substrate.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 wherein rotating said template further includes flexing said template about said first and said second axis.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 wherein rotating said template further includes rotating

said template about said first axis independently from rotating said template about said second axis.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 9 wherein rotating said template further includes positioning said first axis orthogonally to said second axis.

13. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point, with said pivot point located on an interface of said template and said substrate.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 13 further including providing said first and said second axis with eight distinct joints, with said eight distinct joints spaced-apart from said pivot point.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 9 further including positioning said first and said second axis on an interface of said template and said substrate.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of orientating a template with respect to a substrate spaced from said template, said method comprising:

rotating said template about a first and a second axis, ~~[[with]]~~ said first axis being independent from said second axis, to orientate said template with respect to said substrate and maintain said orientation in response to a force being exerted upon said template.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17 wherein rotating said template further includes flexing said template about said first and said second axis.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 17 wherein rotating said template further includes positioning said first axis orthogonally to said second axis.

20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point.

21. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17 further including intersecting said first axis with said second axis to define a pivot point, with rotating said template further including rotating said template about said pivot point, with said pivot point located on an interface of said template and said substrate.

